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SUBJ: CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OAKLEY

1. SUMMARY. ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMBASSADOR, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY CALLED ON FONMIN UPPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN AFTER-NOON OF MAY 26. MEETING WAS MOST CORDIAL AND UPPADIT SEEMED PARTICULARLY RELIEVED BY THE REASSURANCE HE RECEIVED THAT THAILAND WAS NOT BEING SINGLED OUT FOR DELINQUENCY IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS ALTHOUGH USG IS VERY SERIOUS ON THIS ISSUE AND WATCHING TRENDS CLOSELY IN ALL COUNTRIES. HE WAS ALSO REASSURED BY THE PARALLELS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES IN TERMS OF OUR PERCEPTION OF THE VIETNAMESE PROBLEM.

2. RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF MR. OAKLEY'S ITINERARY, THE CONVERSATION TURNED TO THAI-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS AND THE FORTHCOMING US-SRV TALKS IN PARIS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT IN THE FIRST DAYS OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, THE RTG HAD BEEN CONCERNED AT WHAT APPEARED TO THEM TO
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BE AN EXCESSIVE ENTHUSIASM FOR EARLY RECONCILIATION WITH VIETNAM ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF AID. HE SAID THAT DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THAT TIME HAD BEEN VERY REASSURING AND THAT U.S. AND THAI ATTITUDES TOWARD VIETNAM APPEAR TO BE VERY SIMILAR. IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY EXPLAINED THE POSITIONS WHICH THE U.S. HAD TAKEN IN PARIS AND

WOULD BE REAFFIRMING AT THE NEXT SERIES OF MEETINGS. UPPADIT EMPHASIZED THAT THAILAND WISHED TO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH ITS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS BUT WAS CONTINUALLY ACCUSED OF PROVOCATORY ACTION. THAI WILL BE MEETING VIETNAMESE NEXT MONTH IN VIENTIANE. FONMIN WAS MOST INTERESTED IN MR. OAKLEY'S ACCOUNT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH LAO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOUPHAN.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS. OAKLEY LED THE CONVERSATION INTO THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXPLAINED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION DRAWING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S LAW DAY SPEECH. MR. OAKLEY PARTICULARLY NOTED THE BROAD RANGE OF MATTERS AFFECTING HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH WERE A CONCERN TO US, COMMENTING THAT EXTENSIVE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE RTG TO ASSIST ITS RURAL POPULATION WERE ENCOURAGING. HE RECALLED THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF THE EVENTS OF OCTOBER 6TH AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS HAD CREATED A PROBLEM FOR THAILAND BUT THAT GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE THAI SITUATION NOW EXISTED IN WASHINGTON. MR. OAKLEY WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT WASHINGTON WAS WATCHING THE TREND OF EVENTS IN COUNTRIES RATHER THAN PARTICULAR INCIDENTS AND THAT HE CONTRASTED THE RIGIDITY OF THE ROK WITH THE MORE FLEXIBLE RESPONSIVE ATTITUDES EVIDENT IN OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES. A SPECIFIC ISSUE OF CONCERN TO U.S. IN SEVERAL ASIAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ROK, IS ARREST AND PROLONGED DETENTION WITHOUT SPECIFIC CHARGES UNDER LAW OR TRIAL. USG APPLIES ITS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ACROSS THE BOARD, INCLUDING COUNTRIES LIKE LAOS AND VIETNAM, BUT OBVIOUSLY EXPECTS MORE OF THE FRIENDS THAN OF OTHERS, JUST AS THAILAND EXPECTS MORE OF U.S. THAN OF USSR. FONMIN UPPADIT WAS CLEARLY REASSURED BY MR. OAKLEY'S PRESENTATION AND IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE SUBJECT

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OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS THE ONE WHICH HE MOST WISHED TO HEAR DISCUSSED BY A SENIOR WASHINGTON OFFICIAL.

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